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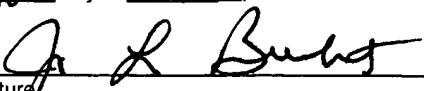
In re Application of: Laurent Schaller, et al

For: BRIDGE CLIP TISSUE CONNECTOR APPARATUS AND METHODS

Serial No.: 09/828,322

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Title: BRIDGE CLIP TISSUE CONNECTOR APPARATUS AND METHODS

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on or about August 18, 2005.
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
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